

THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for removing an organic contaminant from a surface comprising contacting the contaminant with a cleaning composition comprising at least one cleaning member selected from the group consisting of

- (a) organic esters having 6 to 10 carbon atoms other than isobutyl isobutyrate,
- (b) mixtures containing at least three esters selected from hexyl, heptyl, octyl, nonyl, and decyl acetates,
- (c) propylene carbonate, and
- (d) naturally-occurring esters having flash points of greater than 60°F and boiling points greater than 120° F,

wherein the cleaning composition is essentially free of alkali metal hydroxides.

2. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein a contaminant selected from the group consisting of dried latex paint, uncured organic solvent based paint, adhesives, ink, chewing gum, tars, greases, glues, animal fats, vegetable oils, tree sap and other lipophilic soil is removed by contact with the cleaning composition.

3. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 2, wherein the contaminant is dried latex paint.

4. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 2, wherein the cleaning composition comprises at least 10 wt.% cleaning member.

5. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 4, wherein the composition contains at least 10 wt.% of a liquid carrier other than the cleaning member.

6. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 5, wherein the cleaning member is dissolved in an organic solvent exhibiting a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4).

7. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 6, wherein the liquid carrier has an MIR of 2.0 or less.

8. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 6, wherein the composition has a flash point of at least about 100°F.

9. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 8, wherein the composition exhibits a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4).

10. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 5, wherein the composition has an MIR of 2.0 or less.

11. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 10, wherein the composition is substantially free of aromatic compounds and alkali metal hydroxides.

12. (Previously Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the composition contains water.

13-20. (Previously Cancelled)

Please add the following new claims:

21. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the cleaning member is an organic ester having 6 to 10 carbon atoms other than isobutyl isobutyrate.

22. (New) The process of claim 1, wherein a contaminant selected from the group consisting of dried latex paint, uncured organic solvent based paint, adhesives, ink, chewing gum, tars, greases, glues, animal fats, vegetable oils, tree sap and other lipophilic soil is removed by contact with a cleaning composition containing at least 10 wt.% of a cleaning member selected from organic esters having 6 to 10 carbon atoms other than isobutyl isobutyrate, the cleaning composition

- having a flash point of at least about 100°F,
- exhibiting a Primary Irritation Score of 5.00 or less under 16 CFR 1500.3(c)(4), and
- having an MIR of 2.0 or less.

23. (New) The process of claim 22, wherein the cleaning composition contains at least 50 wt.% of the organic ester.

24. (New) The process of claim 23, wherein the cleaning composition contains at least 80 wt.% of the organic ester.

25. (New) The process of claim 24, wherein the cleaning composition contains at least 90 wt.% of the organic ester.